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## May 2018

**Next meeting:** Wednesday, May 16, 2018

**Where:** Leu Gardens, 1920 N. Forest Avenue, Orlando, FL 32803

**6:30 –7:00** is pre-meeting time for purchasing Member Market plants!

**Meeting officially begins at 7:00 pm**

### Pizza Party and Member Market in May!

**Please bring a snack, raffle/door prize plants, and show & tell plants to the meeting.**

Please try to label your raffle and door prize plants, even if you can only write something such as “unknown Neo hybrid”, every little bit helps the members who are trying to learn about different types of bromeliads! Plants should be clean and insect free.

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## The President's Message

A fantastic May to everyone. Hope all your bromeliads are thriving. Look forward to seeing everyone at our May meeting on May 16. Remember there is no speaker this month. Just a nice get together to discuss bromeliads and the success of the Mother's Day Show and Sale. Our society will be providing pizza and boneless wings for Wed. Feel free to bring anything else you would like to share over pizza and wings.

We will be having a member's market also. So if you have any broms you would like to sell, clean them up and bring them in Wed. At our meeting we will also be voting on the motion made in April to delete the two year limit for President and Vice President from our bylaws. Currently there is not a term limit on Secretary and Treasurer, just the top two spots.

Remember that we are going to have a booth at the Central Florida Orchid Society Show and Sale on June 2 and 3. If you would like to sell, please contact Georgia, as she is in charge of the sales. We will also have a display set up. Know that Marty, Lisa and I will be in San Diego that weekend for the 2018 World Conference for bromeliads. Right now only Georgia has agreed to sell. Am sure we could use some other nice bromeliads to sell. So please think about selling. We will be needing help with sales and the display, so please contact Karen or Marilyn if you are able to help out at the orchid show. It will be held at the National Guard Armory on Ferncreek, just south of Michigan Ave.

See everyone at the May meeting,  
mike



Robin was a raffle table winner in April!



## Some shots from our April meeting!



Mike McMahon gave a wonderful presentation on Vriesea utilizing a tableful of beautiful plant props.

The raffle and door prize tables saw lots of action!



## An April shadehouse tour and luncheon in John Boardman's beautiful garden!



I didn't get too many photos at Casa Boardman...I was busy staring at all of the beautiful plants!







It was a warm morning filled with lovely bromeliads, trees, birds, and conversation.

Everyone left with a Tillandsia gift! (you can always tell a bromeliad lover by the scratches on their hands)

Thanks John and everyone who helped organize the event – it was wonderful!



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## Monthly Meeting Minutes

### Bromeliad Society of Central Florida — April 18, 2018

The meeting was opened at 7:00 pm by VP Marilyn Howser who introduced our speaker, Mike McMahon. Mike's presentation was on Vriesea and he used a tableful of beautiful plants as speaking points. Mike professes to not be an expert, he was only speaking about his own experiences in growing the genus! He also walked us through some of the taxonomy changes, always challenging.

### The meeting was called to order at 8:20 pm by President Mike Saunders

Mike thanked Mike for the wonderful presentation and informative Q & A session.

March 2017 meeting minutes were approved.

**Welcome!** Guests: Marvin Phillips, Brian McDonald, Evelyn & Irene and Todd

#### Treasurer's Report:

- Betsy gave the monthly Treasurer's Report and will file the report for audit.
- Betsy also announced who the chairs were for the Mother's Day Sale. She has the show entry sheets and will send Marilyn the entry form and show schedule/categories sheet. Betsy to order more entry tags. Karen to send out the FB poster image to members to post on their FB pages. Thursday night we are to meet at 8:00 pm. Mike is doing security.
  - Betsy is show chair and schedule
  - Marilyn is show co-chair and hospitality
  - John is judges and awards chair
  - Georgia is sales
  - Grant is classification
  - Karen is entries
  - Steven is clerks
  - Chad is placement
  - Karen and Eloise are PR

**Vice President's Report:** Marilyn gave us the run down on the upcoming events and also some updates:

- April 28th is the field trip to John Boardman's home. 10:00. John lives in St. Cloud, please GPS for directions. John will be selling plants, cash only! Please let Marilyn know if you'll be attending.
- May's meeting will be a "crash" after the Mother's Day Show and Sale...Pizza! Members Market.
- June 2-3 we have a table at the Orchid show/sale, there are flyers on the table.
- Our June speaker is John Boardman, he'll be discussing Neoregelia.

#### New Business:

- We'll be voting on term limits for our Society officers. May meeting motion is to change term limits, not limiting the President and Vice President term to two years.

#### Old or Unfinished Business:

- Webmaster and Newsletter Editor needed – if interested please let one of the officers know!
- Newsletter Editor needed – if interested please let one of the officers know!
- Judges School – sign up now!
- Send Carole Wolfe articles and photos for the FCBS newsletter

#### Announcements:

- If you are not receiving email please see Marilyn and she'll get it straightened out for you!
- Don't forget about the BSI World Conference!

#### Door Prizes and Raffle tickets were drawn.

The meeting concluded at 9:00 pm. Minutes respectfully submitted by Karen Steinberg.

**Warhol: *Flowers in the Factory* exhibit at Selby Botanical Gardens in Sarasota showcases bromeliads and is a not to be missed installation!**



They have constructed a grid wall that is something like 72 feet long – filled with bromeliad plants...double sided. It is a real stunner! All of the plantings leading up to the wall were done in patterns. This is around the perimeter of their already fabulous conservatory, so it made for a true eye feast.





They used a repeating flower motif in many places made out of many different plant types – soooooo pretty! The white grids with the flowers made out of Tillandsia (air plants) were in a few areas. They had single panels and multiple grid arrangements utilizing different air plants, each about 7 foot tall.





In addition to the hanging bromeliads and other epiphytes that are exhibited all throughout the conservatory they constructed square columns that were each filled with succulents, mosses, and orchids. These “stations” were placed throughout the area. Beautiful columns of Vanda orchids were also in the center of the conservatory near a sunken white couch, another homage to Warhol’s studio The Factory.



The top shot is one of the beautiful archways in the conservatory, covered in bromeliads and other epiphytes. Bottom left is my husband shooting an incredible fern in the walkway outside of the conservatory – the grid bromeliad wall's back side (with front facing bromeliads) can be seen through the glass conservatory walls.

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## Upcoming Events

### May 29–June 3, 2018

BSI World Conference in San Diego, California <http://www.bsi.org/new/conference-corner/>

**Now is a great time to join the Bromeliad Society International as they are offering a discount to new memberships! [www.bsi.org](http://www.bsi.org)**



### June 2–3, 2018

Central Florida Orchid Society 62<sup>nd</sup> Annual Show and Sale, "An Orchid Garden Party!"  
BSCF will have a sales booth and also a display area.  
Held at the National Guard Armory, 2809 S. Ferncreek Ave, Orlando, FL 32803

### November 2–3, 2018

Mead Botanical Garden GROWvember Fall Plant Sale  
1300 S. Denning Avenue, Winter Park, FL 32789

## Our Meeting Next Month: Wednesday, June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018

The Bromeliad Society of Central Florida meetings are held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of every month from 7–9 PM at Leu Gardens, 1920 N. Forest Avenue, Orlando, FL 32803. Guest speaker plants are for sale before the meeting from 6:30–7:00. You'll enjoy informative programs, Show & Tell, plant sales, refreshments & door prizes. Members also receive a monthly newsletter—all for an annual membership fee of \$15 per member, plus \$5 per additional family member (no charge for full-time students). Visitors are always welcome.

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